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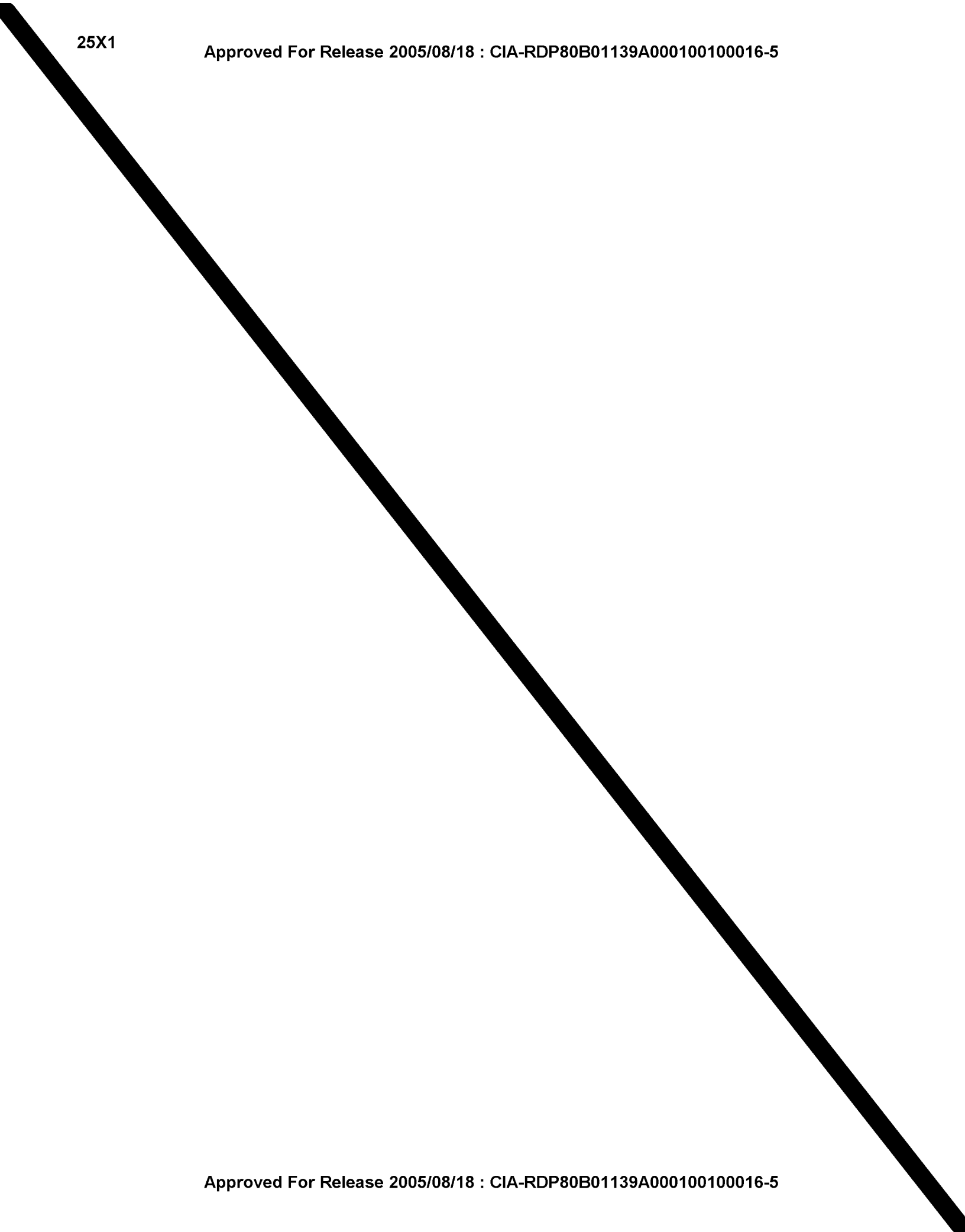

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: Conversation with [redacted] re COINS. 25X1

1. I had a conversation with [redacted] and was brought 25X1
up to date on the status of the COINS users.

2. CIA. CIA is hooked up to the COINS switch at DIA. However, they are able to send signals from CIA's computer to the DIA CRYPTO box, but they can't get from there into the switch itself. This does permit them to go from here to DIA and back, but has not been much value. There is an additional problem with the CIA setup in that there have been three different programmers assigned to help on production. Could have some part of the software package. The most recent contribution was assigned in the middle of July. So it looks like it will probably be some time before the software and communication problems are taken care of.

3. NPIC. They too are having a problem. It seems that they are not meeting specifications on a voltage level which is similar to parity. In other words, instead of a positive voltage they are putting out a negative voltage. This can be remedied by a black box which is being RPQ'd. If the black box doesn't come they will have to cure it with programming which will take longer.

4. NIC. Has the teletype installed but they require additional unit, probably power unit to get their signal into

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the DIA switch. This is not available as of now.

5. State. State is on-line into the teletype terminal to the DIA switch and they have received some training in how to levy queries.

6. NSA. Analysts have been using DIA files via COINS for over a year. However, it has come to our attention that DIA analysts have never been briefed on COINS or how to use it and therefore, the only communication from DIA to NSA is by the technical staff at DIA.

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